



Myohoji Bulletin

December 2017, January, February, March 2018

Rev. Takano's New Year's Message

Happy New Year!

Nichiren Shoshu has designated 2018 as "The Year of Action." In order to fulfill this objective, the Overseas Department has set forth the following three practical points:

1. Achieve your shakubuku goal by doing Gongyo and Shodai every day.
2. Attend the Oko Ceremony every month and bring your family, guests, and fellow believers to all of the ceremonies and meetings.
3. Go on tozan to deepen your faith and encourage others to make a pilgrimage to develop their faith.

Conducting Gongyo every day is our fundamental practice that leads us to build happy lives. The Twenty-sixth High Priest Nichikan Shonin teaches that we can expiate our negative karma and receive benefits if we sincerely pray to the Gohonzon:

No prayer will go unanswered, no sin will remain unforgiven, all good fortune will be bestowed, and all righteousness will be proven.

(Mondan, Vol. 1, p. 189)

We offer the following special prayer in our Gongyo in order to accomplish our shakubuku goal: "I sincerely pray for the actual achievement of establishing a membership of 800,000 Hokkeko believers by 2021, the year of the 800th anniversary of the advent of our Founder, Nichiren Daishonin."

Our High Priest stated:

As the Daishonin's disciples and believers, we must uphold our great aspiration of saving all living beings, exactly following the will of the Daishonin. With indefatigable resolution, the members of each chapter must become united in the spirit of *itai doshin* and

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December

December 3 (Sunday)

10:00 AM: Kosen-rufu Gongyo
Teen Group Meeting

December 10 (Sunday)

10:00 AM: Oko Ceremony
Children's Oko in Kyakuden

December 17 (Sunday)

10:00 AM: Monthly Memorial
Chinese & Korean Lectures

December 24 (Sunday)

10:00 AM: Morning Gongyo

December 31 (Sunday)

10:00 AM: Morning Gongyo
4:00 PM: New Year's Eve
Gongyo

January

January 1 (Monday)

10:00 AM: New Year's Day
Kosen-rufu Gongyo

2:00 PM Evening Gongyo

January 7 (Sunday)

10:00 AM: Morning Gongyo
Teen Group Meeting

January 14 (Sunday)

10:00 AM: Oko Ceremony
Children's Oko in Kyakuden

January 21 (Sunday)

10:00 AM: Shodai-kai
Japanese Lecture

Young Adult Meeting

January 28 (Sunday)

10:00 AM: Monthly Memorial
Chinese Lecture
Korean Lecture

February

February 3 (Saturday)

2:00 PM: Shakubuku
Open House

February 4 (Sunday)

10:00 AM: Koshi-e
Kosen-rufu Gongyo

Teen Group Meeting

February 11 (Sunday)

10:00 AM: Otanjo-e
Oko Ceremony

Children's Oko in Kyakuden

February 18 (Sunday)

10:00 AM: Shodai-kai
Japanese Lecture

Young Adult Meeting

February 25 (Sunday)

10:00 AM: Monthly Memorial
Chinese Lecture
Korean Lecture

March

March 4 (Sunday)

10:00 AM: Kosen-rufu Gongyo
Teen Group Meeting

March 11 (Sunday)

10:00 AM: Oko Ceremony
Children's Oko in Kyakuden

March 18 (Sunday)

10:00 AM: Higan-e
Japanese Lecture

Young Adult Meeting

March 25 (Sunday)

10:00 AM: Monthly Memorial
Chinese Lecture
Korean Lecture

**Introductory meetings:
3rd Thursdays at 7:00 PM.**

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devote themselves to do shakubuku, based on the spirit of “willing to give one’s life to propagate the Law.”

(November 5, 2017, Kosen-rufu Shodai Ceremony)

Of all the services and ceremonies held at the temple, the most important ceremony for us to attend is the monthly Oko. This Ceremony is held in reverence to the Buddha, the Law, and the priesthood of the Three Great Secret Laws, and to repay our gratitude to them. Tozan is one of the essential practices in Nichiren Shoshu. The “source” of faith and benefit is to be found at the Head Temple, Taisekiji. Nichiren Daishonin inscribed the Dai-Gohonzon of the High Sanctuary in 1279, the very entity of his enlightened life, as the object of worship for all living beings in the Latter Day of the Law. The Dai-Gohonzon has been solemnly protected at Taisekiji for

Group Tozan 2018 Schedule

Airing of the Scrolls	April 3-8
Chapter Tozan	May 18-23
Summer Study Tozan	August 22-29
Gotai-e	November 17-22

This tozan schedule is subject to change. Please confirm dates and itinerary prior to events.

over 750 years. Let’s make a pilgrimage to the Head Temple, a fundamental practice in true Buddhism, with our new friends.

— Rev. Taishin Takano

New Year’s Temple Events

The last evening Gongyo of 2017 will be held New Year’s Eve, December 31 at 4:00 PM. New Year’s Day Morning Gongyo will be at 10:00 AM and the New Year’s Evening Gongyo will be held at 2:00 PM. The temple will close at 5:00 PM. Additional information will be available at a later date.

Annual Toba Applications

Prior to January 14, believers may complete annual toba applications for the year 2018. By submitting an annual toba application for the deceased, tobas will be inscribed for each Monthly Memorial, the *Higan-e* Ceremonies and the *Urabon* Ceremony. Please contact Rev. Takagi for more information.

Daily One Hour Extra Shodai in January

In support of our propagation efforts for 2018 during the month of January, evening Gongyo at Myohoji will begin at 6:30 PM weekdays followed by one hour of Shodai (Daimoku). Saturday and Sunday evening Gongyo will begin at 4:00 PM followed by one hour of Shodai. All believers who are unable to attend Shodaikai at the temple are encouraged to participate in their homes.

Koshi-e Ceremony Feb. 4

On February 4th, we will hold the memorial ceremony for Second High Priest Nikko Shonin, the first among the treasure of the priesthood. The ceremony begins at 10:00 AM. This is the time to offer our tremendous gratitude for the perfect transmission of the Law.



Otanjo-e—Feb. 11

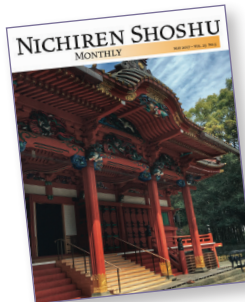
The celebration of Nichiren Daishonin’s birthday will be held Sunday, February 11, at 10:00 AM. This ceremony gives us the opportunity to celebrate our great fortune to have met this practice in this lifetime and offer gratitude for the Daishonin’s advent into this world.

Equinox Memorial Higan-e

At the *Higan-e* Ceremony we offer toba memorial tablets to repay our debts of gratitude. Myohoji Temple will observe the spring *Higan-e* on Sunday, March 18 at 10:00 AM.

Toba applications will be mailed to believers in advance. Please submit toba requests by March 11. Thank you.

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Open:	Mon. - Sat.:	6:15 AM
	Sun.:	8:00 AM
Closed:	Mon. - Fri.:	8:00 PM
	Thurs.:	8:30 PM
	Sat. & Sun.:	5:30 PM
Gongyo		
Morning:	Mon. - Sat.:	6:30 AM
	Sun.:	10:00 AM
Evening:	Mon. - Fri.:	6:30 PM
	Sat. & Sun.:	4:00 PM